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THE N. A. D. PRESIDENT SPEAKS

I note that opposition has developed in several quarters against the idea of erecting a statue to De l'Epee. I should like to suggest a few thoughts that occur to me on the subject.

I understand that a replica of the French statue to De l'Epee can be had for about \$4000. Suppose this were purchased and set up in some public thoroughfare of New York City with the inscription:

"ABBE DE L' EPEE,
The Inventor of the Sign Language
Erected by
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE DEAF."

Stop and think a moment what this would be worth to the deaf of America and of the world merely as an advertisement of the Association and as an endorsement of the sign language. I have not a doubt that any of 10,000 manufacturers would pay anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a permanent advertisement of this nature set up in one of the great thoroughfares of New York where thousands of people would note it daily. In fact it would be an excellent thing if there were one in every large city in America.

Not long ago the Youths' Companion had a splendid article about the Gallaudet monument at Hartford that boosted the deaf and the sign language. It was read by thousands and must have done good.

I believe that the deaf are entirely overlooking the value of advertising of this nature. Everything of this nature will tend to help us in our fight against the narrow oral method of instruction. We need publicity. We can not get it merely by fighting the oral method alone but must show that we are well rounded specimens of humanity with a scope of vision that is broad and are working for good in more than one direction.

Mr. Spear's article in the last Observer advised us to do away with about everything that we have undertaken. He said that Veditz's administration was a failure, worse than a failure. That Hanson merely cleared away a part of the dump of useless things Veditz dumped upon him. I am naturally anxious to make my administration worth while. I am open to suggestion and advice but I want it of the practical sort. Will Mr. Spear please write an article for The Observer saying what he WOULD do, not

what he WOULD NOT do to make the N. A. D. of added value to the deaf?

I believe that the deaf do not appreciate all that the N. A. D. is now doing. There has been legislation affecting the deaf in all sections of the country. Nebraska has had the main attention of the N. A. D. Thousands of pamphlets have been printed and sent out to legislators and influential persons throughout the state dealing with the controversy on methods. The fight has been waged so determinedly that it has attracted more attention in Nebraska than any other fight before the legislature. The outcome is doubtful still for our oral friends have been very active indeed. They succeeded in electing a man to the House for the sole purpose of defeating the amendment. Moreover, he is an experienced legislator with much influence and he was placed on a committee to which this amendment was expected to be referred. He was able to "trade" his influence for help against the amendment. We drew first blood by having the amendment referred to a different committee. This fight has attracted state wide attention and the Board of Control has recommended an amendment to the oral law.

In Minnesota there has been in progress for some time an investigation of the school for the deaf. The N. A. D. was not involved but the State Association has been right in the fight and Mr. Spear, working independently, has been a host in himself. It is reported in the daily papers that the investigation committee will ask for Dr. Tate's dismissal if he does not resign. There have also been two-day school bills before the Minnesota legislature. These have received attention by the State Association.

Impostor laws are up before several State legislatures and one has already become a law in Nevada through the efforts of Mr. McNeilly of Reno working with the Impostor Bureau of the N. A. D. There is a day school bill before the Oregon legislature and we are fighting that. One also in Missouri and Dr. Cloud has the eye on it. North Carolina and South Carolina have both had laws passed placing the schools for the deaf in the list of educational institutions and other states either have day school bills or impostor bills pending. We must admit that we were not prepared for such a deluge of bills and did not have the ammunition

ready, in the shape of "literature" to make the many fights we should and what is more, no one man, even though he devote ALL of his time to the work, can handle such an amount of work as has piled up since the several legislatures have convened.

The same administration will have charge of the N. A. D. two years from now and we MUST be better organized and have our ammunition ready. We MUST have more funds to fight with and each State Association MUST be better prepared. The thing for us to do is to build up the membership of the N. A. D. and get the State Associations to build up their memberships. We must have an ACTIVE committee in charge of the Endowment Fund and get to work and make it a big and helpful fund. It must be our MAIN PUSH. If the present Endowment Committee does not show results at San Francisco that are RESULTS, that Committee will GO. The best workers, we can find, will be placed on this committee and we will see if we can not accomplish something in the direction of having a Permanent Fund that will be worth while. We need \$100,000, at least and \$500,000, will be none too much. We need a paid secretary who will give all of his time to the work of the Association and an official publication that will keep members in touch and interested.

JAY COOKE HOWARD,
President N. A. D.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

There is bound to be a marked increase of interest in the deaf, and a growth of appreciation of the sign language. The system of communication among the deaf originated by Father de l'Epee cannot be replaced. It may be improved upon, but no other system, when thoroughly tested, will deserve so well the praise of the thinking man as the system originated by this good man. As the years go by and the deaf and their needs are better understood, no friend of this afflicted class will occupy so high a place in the estimation of the deaf and their interested friends as the Abbe de l'Epee.—Rev. James Donahoe, of St. Paul.

The spirit and the bride say: Come, let him that is athirst, come, whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely.—Hy.

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The attendance at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has passed the 2,000,000 mark in a month's time. Must be some fair. You had better make up your mind to attend the N. A. D. convention.

"The difference between the clerk who spends all of his salary and the clerk who saves part of it, is the difference—in ten years—between the owner of a business and the man out of a job."—John Wanamaker.

S. F. Walker, superintendent of several state schools for the deaf at various times, is now enjoying the simple life on a ten-acre tract in the suburbs of Kansas City, Mo. Many of the Seattle people met Mr. Walker when he was visiting here. He was engaged in the real estate business in Portland for a year or two.

The impostor bill introduced in the last session of the legislature passed both branches of that body and was recently signed by Governor Lister. In ninety days, when it becomes effective, it will be a misdemeanor for any one to falsely represent himself deaf, blind or physically defective for the purpose of soliciting aid and on conviction a fine not to exceed \$100 may be imposed, or a sojourn of six months in the county jail given.

A line of work in which the deaf can engage and be independent, without bothering with civil service examinations, a cranky boss or compensation insurance laws, is that of conducting shoe repair shops. Competition is keen in this line, but the average quick repair shop gives as little for the money as possible, and there is no reason why good work and good leather should not

build up a good trade for a competent workman. And from numerous instances of shops being conducted or opened up by the deaf, we believe they are succeeding.

THE REPORT PREMATURE.

In his official communication to the Journal President Howard says the moving picture fund money has not been turned into the endowment fund, and is still to be regarded as an entirely separate matter.

If it has not been turned over as yet, it is high time it is done and the moving picture business, as far as the making of any additional films is concerned, wound up.

No enterprise of late, to which the N. A. D. has given its sanction has taken up so much time and energy, and entailed the collection of so large a sum with results so small as in this affair.

As a feature to demonstrate the usefulness and efficiency of the sign language in the education of the deaf, these films are not of the slightest benefit to the general public and never will be.

The moving picture scheme was launched with the most laudable purpose in the world, but it simply failed to accomplish anything, aside from securing films to preserve of Dr. Galaudet in action in the sign language.

The money should be turned into the endowment fund regardless of who is on the committee at the present time, and carry out the pledge under which it was collected.

We fail to see where there is any justification in charging members of the N. A. D. in being do-nothings when, after contributing their share toward the monument fund, they choose to express an opinion on the form the De l'Epee memorial should take to do the most honor. The form of the memorial was left an open question, and no one has asked the memorial committee to quit.

N. A. D. MEMBERS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Washington—Larry Belser, Jack Bertram, *J. B. Bixler, Michael Brown, *Erve Chambers, L. O. Christenson, Anna Demick, L. A. Devine, Mrs. Mae Flagg, Carl Garrison, *John E. Gustin, Miss Alice Hammond, Miss Myrtle Hammond, Dr. Olof Hanson, Mrs. Olof Hanson, Roy E. Harris, Hugo Holcomb, Mrs. W. S. Hunter, Mrs. Ellen Lloyd, J. F. Meagher, Mrs. J. F. Meagher, *Maurice Miller, *True Partridge, John Moore, W. S. Root, Mrs. Eva Seeley, Ruby Stuht, John Skoglund, Dewitt Tousley, Mrs. Dewitt Tousley, A. J. Sackville-West, A. W. Wright, Mrs. A. W. Wright, Mrs. Claude Ziegler, Mrs. Emma Hutson, Alfred Waugh, Fillmore W. Mallett, Mrs. A. K. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, W. S. Hunter.

Oregon—Scott Atcheson, P. L. Axling, Mrs. P. L. Axling, C. H. Linde, Mrs. C. H. Linde, Mrs. J. O. Reichle, J. O. Reichle, *Ernest Swangren.

Montana—Mrs. M. M. Corey, *Louis S. Day, Miss Edith Harlan, Elmo V. Kemp, Mrs. Elmo V. Kemp, *Fred Low, Janette McMurdo, Glenn Preston, *Chris Thompson, *Mrs. Chris Thompson, *Arthur Salisbury.

Wyoing—Miss Eleanor Baldwin.

Idaho—F. M. Braff, Alfred Arnot.

Those marked * are in arrears since June, 1914, and unless paid up by June 1, 1915, they will be dropped.

This makes a total of sixty members in the five northwest states. I want to see it increased to 100 by April 1st.

The above list is a copy of one sent me by National Treasurer Drake two weeks ago. If any have paid membership fees or dues and their names do not appear here kindly inform me to whom the money was paid and when.

W. S. ROOT,

1320 Fifth Avenue, Seattle.

SEEWASHINGTON FIRST.

"I came back from Europe last fall, after a round trip of 25,000 miles, and then went out twenty-five miles from my home and saw better scenery than I saw anywhere abroad," said W. B. Ritchie, an attorney from Port Angeles, recently visiting in Seattle. "European mountain scenery can be duplicated and surpassed in every instance in the Olympic peninsula," he said. The beauty and grandeur of our great mountain section is not half appreciated by even those who live out here."

Mr. Ritchie looks for great prosperity at Port Angeles and on the Olympic peninsula generally following the completion of the Port Angeles section of the Milwaukee railroad. "This section of the country will come into its own just as soon as it can be reached," said Mr. Ritchie. "It is one of the most valuable districts of the state in point of natural resources, such as minerals, timber, agricultural land and the like."

HOW THE P-I. PRINTERS MANAGE TO LIVE.

"Bill's got a fine job, now," Bill's father announced to his neighbor one morning; "a fine job. Saving money fast."

"What's he doin'?" asked the neighbor.

"He's a night printer," was the answer. "He works nights and saves his lodgin's, and then he sleeps all day, and saves his board."

The annual statement in the February issue of The Frat shows the N. F. S. D. to be in a healthy financial condition. It lacks but a few members to make an even 2000 enrollment. The total admitted assets are over \$67,000, most of which is invested in first mortgage loans and bonds.

CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. N. F. Jensen announces the following services for the deaf of the Northwest; Spokane, April 1st, 8 p. m. Seattle, April 2nd, 8 p. m., Tacoma, 3rd, 8 p. m., in Lutheran Church.

Vancouver, April 4th, 10 a. m. at State School. Portland, April 4th, 3 p. m. Salem, April 4th, 7:30 p. m. at State school.

A cordial invitation is extended to attend these services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, and hear the Gospel of the Crucified and Risen Savior.

LOCAL NOTES.

Laurence Belser has resigned his position at Jacobs Photo Studio and will probably not return to Seattle.

Miss Demaris and Albert Minnick were over from Tacoma last Sunday visiting with the family of Otha Minnick.

Claude Ziegler was recently paid a sick benefit claim of \$20 by the N. F. S. D. as a result of being laid up by an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Alice Hammond and mother of Tacoma were in town one day last week inspecting the style show. They called on some of the local deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Axt, with the latter's brother as a passenger, motored to Everett last Sunday in their Ford. Mrs. Axt drives the machine with the skill of an experienced chauffeur.

Mrs. P. L. Axling and family left for Portland last Friday, where they will reside indefinitely. Mr. Axling is employed with the Freeman string of publications, which have their headquarters in Portland.

The monthly social of the P. S. A. D. will take place Saturday evening (this week) at the home of Mrs. Jesse West, 356 29th avenue. Yesler Way or Madrona Cars will take you there, or you can ride in a jitney.

Mrs. Otto Klawitter returned Sunday from a few days visit with her husband's mother at Tacoma. Mr. Klawitter is busy putting up a tank on the windmill stand for a water distribution system on the property.

Frank Morrissey is building a seven-room house on his lots out on 18th Avenue N. W. Frank has been steadily employed at the Galbraith-Bacon warehouse for the past twelve years or so with never an enforced lay off.

Roy Harris, just recovering from the grip, was called to the shops on a rush order, with the result that he was laid up at his home for another week. Leir Larson is another who has just come out from a ten-day stay in the hospital.

The March P. S. A. D. meeting, with President L. O. Christenson in the chair, was engaged in hearing reports of committee and the treasurer. A debate was arranged for the next meet-

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ing, "The Jitney vs. the S. E. Co." J. E. Gustin and Miss Grace Zeigler will speak in favor of the joys of a jitney ride and Mr. Waugh and Mrs. Wright will uphold the S. E. Co.

The W. S. Root Printery had a narrow escape from destruction by fire last week. A fire started in a photo shop across the hall, and the explosion of chemicals wrecked the glass windows of the printing office. The fire department arrived in time to confine the blaze to the photo shop, but smoke damaged the paper stock of Root to about \$25, which is covered by insurance.

THE BOOSTERS ARE BOOSTING.

The monthly meeting of the Booster Club, the local branch of the N. A. D., was held Saturday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Waugh. There was a goodly attendance and an enthusiastic meeting held. The president and secretary gave a report of what was being done by the N. A. D. A committee was appointed to secure new members and it was also decided to appoint a committee on entertainment for each meeting. On the suggestion of Mr. Christenson an effort will be made to induce eastern deaf who expect to visit the California exposition to come or go via Seattle. More will be heard along this line. A number of new members are reported and many more are expected. After finishing business a social evening was held and refreshments served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson the third Saturday night in April. If you are not a member of the N. A. D. get in for there are to be some high old times in Seattle under the auspices of the national association. R

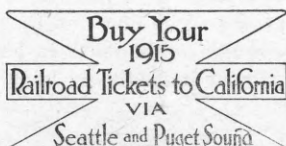
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Serg.-at-Arms Frank Morrissey.
Directors, Mrs. J. West & W. S. Root

CHIRPS BY THE "CRICKET."

One of the Voxpopuli writers says if Spear Points run him down he'll get up again. Better go to Europe; they need something bayonet proof.

The N. A. D. with the appointment of Mr. Root shows some growth. That's all we can expect. Roots will grow.

The March 11 Observer bears an article of a college graduate getting thirty days for yagraney. A porter leaving \$75,000 at death. Glad I did not go to college.

Reports say endowment fund has \$2,538.71. Has it any dividends?

Secretary Roberts after getting his anti-oral pamphlet out will find it all a waste if it has any bar against the love methods. Mouths are always used in kisses. They speak very loudly, too.

About deaf being barred in the fields of Europe. They must have heard about this Voxpopuli or Spear man.

So Miss Hammond has taken up golf. Well, boys, when she hollers fore it means look out. CRICKET.

Portland News.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Woolsey were gladdened by the arrival of their baby daughter, March 4th.

Last Thursday evening, March 4th, eight of the best card players of the Rose City went to Vancouver to participate in a 500 contest with the Vancouver Nads. The Nads carried off the honors by 3,000 points. The failure of our players was due to lack of practice, but they hope they will defeat the Nads when the latter come down here in April. Those who went to Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. E. Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schneider, Charles Lawrence, Joe Jorg, Philip Axling and O. Fay.

Mr. and Mrs. Kredit entertained at dinner Wednesday evening, March 3rd, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldsmith, who were recently married.

The local frats held their regular monthly meeting at their lodge hall, March 6th.

Mrs. W. F. Schneider, who was taken seriously ill some time ago, is now able to be about.

Philip Axling is expecting his family to move here from Seattle on or before the 15th of this month.

The P. A. D. held their monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. hall last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Swangren came down Saturday from Metzger to attend the P. A. D. meeting.

Mr. W. Thierman's son was taken quite sick some time ago, but is reported to be better now.

O. E. Van Emon of Oakland, California, is in town visiting his sister.

Colin Eaton has recently returned here from Coos Bay, where he had been in quest of work.

Last Sunday O. H. Fay had a sudden attack of pain his right side and it later developed that it was a case of poison. Thanks to the quick action of his doctor he is on the way to recovery.

MRS. C. H. L.

SPOKANE

Summer is at last marked on the bulletin for the near future. This is based upon the passage of a dozen geese over Spokane in the direction of the north pole.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Frisby are the proud parents of another son, born February 21. Both mother and son are doing nicely. One can't help but believe that after speaking with John.

Sidney George Raison, Spokane's favorite fraternal mascot, is steadily employed by the Eastern Outfitting Co. But of late he is given a three-

day vacation each week, which ought to be sufficient time for him to keep up his mail correspondence.

If we had charge of the mail delivery we might have a more interesting story. But until later we can do very little boosting. Besides, it is not fair.

Miss Amelia Bergerson has been busy gathering the names of deaf people living about Spokane and within reach. Just what for we don't know, but hope its another piece of wedding cake.

W. R. Henrich, who has been laid off during the winter, longs for the call of the street work again. Those pretty faces, of course, are interesting and the girl in the jitney has got the curtains down on the girl in the taxi.

Word reaches us that Alf Bonfire Arnot will be back to Spokane again shortly. We will, of course, welcome him. It will mean a good warm summer and the ice cream industry is already getting under way.

Reports have it that A. R. Slightam (or Flea) has applied his wings to the postoffice examiner for examination. Perhaps he doubts the N. A. D. report that deaf are barred. Anyway, he says for his friends not to be surprised if he comes out on fly paper.

Monthly church services were recently held here and we are glad we are holding firm with the crowds present.

J. B.

Tacoma Rainierites.

Mrs. Lorenz entertained Thursday Club in a delightful way March 11th at her home near Parkland. The luncheon was perfect in every way and Mrs. Lorenz deserves much credit for its success.

Hereafter the monthly meetings will be outdoor picnic affairs until the reappearance of the rainy season. The first of these will be at Lincoln Park with Mrs. Seeley as hostess, April 8th.

The program for the March meeting of Tahoma Club was a talk on the De l'Epee fund, Mrs. Seeley. A talk on the German side of the war, Clara Hammond. The Allies' side of the question, John Gerson. Current events, Miss Alice Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boston, who lately went back to their old home at Kansas City, announce the arrival at their home, March 8th, of a 12-pound boy. Why cannot they call him Washington Boston?

John Bodley, who was in Tacoma and Seattle last November looking for a job, and who returned to Chehalis soon after finding how dull times were here, secured work there in his home town almost immediately upon his return.

STORIES OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Anybody can write a story about college life. If he has not attended a college, so much the better. His imagination is less trammelled. A few simple rules must be observed, however.

1. All heroes are named Jack, Stanley or Dick.

2. All college men wear sweaters always, and smoke short, fat-bowled pipes.

3. There is always a "Fatty," who is a funny fellow.

Any four college men make up a quartet, which can sing "Merhileeee we ro-hull alonnnng" at any time.

5. All college men are wooing a girl named Dorothy or Betty, who is "sweet and pure as an angel."

6. All college men address each other as "old hoss."

7. College men never stpdy, but spend their time in tossing repartee back and forth.

8. All college rooms are adorned with pennants.

9. All college men call their fathers "pater" and speak of the "honor of the dear old school" in a husky voice.—The Harvard Lampoon.

How do they make it out at Gallaudet College?

AN EFFICIENT ALARM CLOCK.

"I've got a great alarm clock," said the industrious man. "I don't know how long it will last, but it is doing the work at present."

"How does it differ from others?"

"It honks like an automobile horn. As soon as I hear it I jump out of bed to keep from being run over."—Washington Star.

ANOTHER STATE ORGANIZER

Ernest Swangren has accepted the position of State organizer in Oregon and intends to inaugurate a hustling campaign for new members. The deaf of Oregon should send him their name and address and a dollar for membership.

All the northwest states are now ready for business except Wyoming in which state I have been unable to land an organizer. Can any one help me there?

We hope to see a friendly contest between the several states for new members. Rally and support the State organizers and be sure your State is well represented in the list of N. A. D. members.

Forward all along the line.

W. S. ROOT.

Bible Class FOR THE DEAF

meets on the Third Sunday of each month at three o'clock p.m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth avenue and James street. All welcome.

Olof Hanson, Lay-reader in charge.